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SUBJECT: ANCOM COMMISSION SUSPENDS INCONCLUSIVE

SESSION UNTIL APRIL 12

1. THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANDEAN COMMON MARKET COMMISSION OPENED MARCH 15 AND HELD FOUR DAYS OF CLOSED-DOOR MEETINGS. LATE MARCH 18, INSTEAD OF THE CUSTOMARY PRESS CONFERENCE SUMMING UP THE MEETING THERE WAS ONLY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SESSION HAD ADJOURNED UNTIL APRIL 12 TO ALLOW THE MEMBERS TO CONSULT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS. DURING THE WEEK THE ONLY NEWS WHICH CAME OUT OF THE MEETING CONCERNED THE FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS TO TAKE UP THE VARIOUS AGENDA ITEMS. THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAM WAS NOT INCLUDED.

2. DURING A LUNCH FOR THE VISITING OPIC TEAM ON MONDAY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT, EMBOFFS TOOK THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPPORTUNITY TO ASK JUNTA COORDINATOR GENERAL LUIS BARANDIARAN ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE MEETING. BARANDIARAN'S ONLY RESPONSE WAS THAT THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE SPECIAL PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR BOLIVIA AND ON THE TREATMENT OF MIXED ENTERPRISES INVOLVING FOREIGN INVESTMENT. ASKED IF THE AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED HE SAID THAT VIEWS HAD ONLY BEEN EXCHANGED INFORMALLY,

BUT THE SUBJECT WAS NOT PLACED ON THE AGENDA. DESPITE THIS HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAM WOULD BE ACTED ON BY JUNE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED, BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE ANCOM, SYSTEM THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAM IS HANDLED WILL LARGELY DEFINE THE FUTURE OF THE ANCOM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING ON REVISIONS OF THE DRAFT PROGRAM RECENTLY PRESENTED TO THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THIS IS THE CASE, THERE REMAINS THE APPEARANCE OF A DISINCLINATION TO FORCE THE ISSUE AND OF A LOSS OF VITALITY AND UNITY THAT THE FIVE MEMBERS HAD SHOWN AT THE END OF THE CONFRONTATION WITH CHILE AND SINCE. IN VIEW OF THIS, CRITICS OF THE DRAFT AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM WILL LIKELY INCREASE THEIR ALREADY CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS AND GENERAL SCEPTICISM OVER THE FUTURE OF THE ANCOM WILL GROW. DEAN

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